



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

- WHEREAS: Despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with Native American and African-American men having the lowest life expectancies; and
- WHEREAS: Educating both the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will help to reduce mortality rates from certain diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Preventive health education and regular screenings can prolong lifespans, as men who are educated about the value of preventative health are more likely to participate in these screenings; and
- WHEREAS: Fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are establishing positive examples for their children to lead happier, healthier lives; and
- WHEREAS: Men's Health Month offers an opportunity to educate males of all ages about preventive health measures and a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes and prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and
- WHEREAS: During this month, organizations like Men's Health Network promote this health awareness campaign to help educate men, boys and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia encourages all men to work to maintain healthy lifestyles by exercising, taking part in preventive screenings and attending regular medical check-ups; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as MEN'S HEALTH MONTH in Georgia and encourage citizens to pursue preventative health practices, early detection efforts and healthy lifestyles.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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